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Attached ~~is~~ our brief replies to the  
questions that you posed. Let me know  
if you need anything additional. I  
should add that these have been coordina-  
ted with the Strategic Warning Staff.

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What do you need to do to improve warning time?

On the basis of advice from our Strategic Warning Staff, I would judge that the collection systems now in place or programmed for the next few years should provide an adequate warning capability. It is difficult to judge the "real world" feasibility and effectiveness of collection systems which may be developed in the future.

I have described existing collection resources as adequate in terms of the volume and value of the material they produce. But an adequate warning capability is a function of both collection and analysis. On the basis of experience, my judgment would be that our analytical resources do require substantial improvement.

Would this involve additional resources?

The strengthening of analytical techniques in the field of warning intelligence would not necessarily require more personnel. What is needed is more attention and a higher priority to this function. The chances of improving our warning capability through the training of present analytical personnel and supervisors are at least as good as through the investment of additional funds on sophisticated collection systems.